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DEWAN OF MYSORE. *25th November 1931.*

MY DEAR SIR SAMUEL HOARE,

Before leaving London, I feel it is incumbent upon me to write, as briefly as possible, and make an appeal to you once more on the question of the Mysore subsidy.

As you are aware, the principle of cash tributes has been disapproved by the Federal Finance Sub-Committee of the Round Table Conference, which has recommended that, as a beginning, an immediate reduction may be made in cases of real hardship. On the basis adopted by the Committee, Mysore's contribution would be reduced by Rs. 6½ lakhs or so. I fear that this sum would not enable the Mysore Government to meet the financial situation with which it is at present faced, and which it is striving its utmost to tide over. Your help at a critical juncture like this would be specially valuable, and this both from the moral and material points of view. It would show to the people of Mysore, who are watching the outcome of my representation to you with the keenest anxiety, that the British Government sympathises with them in their present difficulties, and is ready to support them as far as may be possible.

I enclose extracts from the comments of newspapers of all shades of opinion in Southern India—both British and Indian, Moderate and Congress—as an indication of the unanimity of view that prevails in and outside the State on this question.

We fully realise that the Government of India itself is in great financial difficulties, but may I point out that those of Mysore are even graver, for, as you will no doubt appreciate, the recent action of the Government of India in increasing the Customs and other All-India taxes, has reduced the taxable capacity of our people to an appreciable extent, and added greatly to the difficulties of the Mysore Government.

In these circumstances, may I beg you, as the impartial arbiter between British India and the States, to consider our representation as sympathetically as possible and come to an early decision on the matter?

Yours sincerely,
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